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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Wisconsin Power and Light  
Company, as an Electric, Water and Natural Gas  
Public Utility, to Change Electric, Water and  
Natural Gas Rates

6680-UR-110

**NOTICE OF FURTHER HEARING ON LIMITED REOPENING**

**Hearing Date:**

**June 17, 1998, 9:00 a.m.**

**If you intend to appear, call Hearing Examiner Donna  
Paske at (608) 266-7173 by June 12, 1998.**

**Hearing Location:**

**Public Service Commission  
610 North Whitney Way  
Madison, Wisconsin**

On April 29, 1997, the Commission issued an order in docket 6680-UR-110 authorizing a rate decrease of \$10,590,000, annually, for Wisconsin retail electric operations of the Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L). That order established an average fuel cost of \$0.01199 per net kWh for the test year. The order reinstated the monitoring of fuel costs for WP&L. The Commission had temporarily suspended such monitoring in the utility's previous rate case in docket 6680-UR-109. The order also established variance ranges for monitoring WP&L's fuel costs pursuant to ch. PSC 116, Wis. Adm. Code. The appropriate variance ranges are: 1) for the annual range, plus or minus 3 percent; 2) for the monthly range, plus or minus 10 percent; and 3) for the cumulative ranges, plus or minus 10 percent for the first month, plus or minus 6 percent for the second month, and plus or minus 3 percent for the remaining months of the calendar year.

On December 3, 1997, WP&L requested an increase in rates for electric service due to an emergency increase in fuel costs. After further review and consideration, WP&L withdrew that request.

On March 13, 1998, WP&L filed another application with the Commission under s. PSC 116.06, Wis. Adm. Code, for an increase in rates for electric service due to an emergency increase in fuel costs. In its application, WP&L noted that, based on actual data from January 1, 1998, through February 28, 1998, the utility experienced cumulative fuel costs approximately 29 percent in excess of the amount established in docket 6680-UR-110. Based on that actual data and estimates for the remainder of 1998, WP&L has forecasted a \$28.1 million or 18.55 percent under-recovery of fuel costs for the test year.

Copies of WP&L's application and prefiled testimony and exhibits may be obtained by written request to WP&L at its offices at Wisconsin Power and Light Company, 222 West Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 192, Madison, Wisconsin 53701-0192.

Pursuant to ss. PSC 116.03(1) and PSC 116.06, Wis. Adm. Code, an emergency rate increase can be granted only if the utility's monthly fuel costs exceed the ranges set in its previous rate proceeding, the annual fuel costs will be affected so as to exceed the annual range, and the increase in fuel costs was caused suddenly by forces beyond the utility's control or reasonable foresight.

WP&L, intervenors, and Commission staff at a hearing held in Madison on May 21, 1998, presented testimony and exhibits of a technical nature. The hearing on June 17, 1998, will be held expressly for input from the public. Persons intending to appear must inform Hearing Examiner Donna Paske by June 12, 1998.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that this matter is deemed to be a Class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a hearing for the public will be held on June 17, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in B40 (Pecatonica River Conference Room in the basement of the building) at the Public Service Commission Office Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing schedule in this notice or who intend to appear at the hearing should call Donna Paske, Hearing Examiner, at (608) 266-7173.

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Anyone having other questions regarding this matter may contact Tim O'Brien, Electric Division, at (608) 267-9509 or email at [obriet@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:obriet@psc.state.wi.us).

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission.

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Susan E. Stratton  
Administrator  
Electric Division

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